

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
	:	Examiner: P. Huntsinger
MASAMICHI AKASHI)	
	:	Group Art Unit: 2625
Application No.: 10/087,816)	
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Filed: March 5, 2002)	
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For: IMAGE PROCESSING)	
APPARATUS AND	:	
COMMUNICATING METHOD)	
IN IMAGE PROCESSING	:	
APPARATUS)	October 3, 2006

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, a Request for Continued Examination being filed concurrently herewith, and in response to the Office Action dated July 3, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows: